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### Pakistanis march for free press

KARACHI, April 5 (R). — Some 2,000 journalists and other newspaper workers marched through the streets of Karachi today demanding greater freedom for Pakistan's government-controlled press. The Marchers, who defied a government ban on processions, chanted slogans calling for the lifting of a state of emergency in force in Pakistan since the 1965 war with India. Police kept an eye on the demonstration, but there were no arrests or incidents. Newspaper offices in Karachi and Hyderabad observed a three-hour token strike in support of the call for relaxation of curbs on the press. In Karachi, the authorities announced that a curfew in force since March 19 would be completely lifted tomorrow morning.

### Turkish elections on June 5

ANKARA, April 5 (R). — Turkey's parliament, paralysed by internal government disputes, today decided to advance national elections by four months. Polling was set for June 5. Divisions in Premier Suleyman Demirel's Right-of-Centre coalition government have held up the work of the legislature for months. His justice party and the opposition Republican People's Party, led by Mr. Bulent Ecevit, joined forces to carry the motion for early elections by 342 votes to one. The third biggest party, the strongly-Islamic National Salvation Party, mainly boycotted the vote although a member of the coalition, it opposes early elections.

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## Interviewed by French T.V. Hussein: Israel is terrified of peace

AMMAN (GNA). — "Israel lacks the courage to work for peace because Israel is, and always be, terrified of the thought of peace and this is the unresolvable problem in the world," His Majesty King Hussein told French Television in an interview, according to the official Jordan News Agency, which did not specify a date.

His Majesty also said that "regards the future with great deal of understanding will go on forward to overcome all difficulties which hinder the process of peace."

In Palestine, the King said if the Palestinians were to use to establish a state of their own on the lands occupied in 1967, including the Gaza Strip, then "we would respect their decision." The Palestinian people, His Majesty added, should be appropriately represented at the Geneva peace conference if a meaningful settlement for their problem is to be achieved. The Palestinians, in one way or another, must play a considerable part in reaching a peace settlement, the King said.

His Majesty also stressed the fact that Palestinian rights should be fulfilled on the basis of United Nations resolutions 242 and 338 which call for the restoration of the territories occupied in 1967 including the Gaza Strip. The King concluded the interview by saying that the Palestinian people must be allowed the right of self-determination as to their future.

## Arafat, Soviets discuss Mideast

MOSCOW, April 5 (R). — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today discussed the Middle East with representatives of the semi-official Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee.

Mr. Arafat thanked the Soviet Union for its support in the struggle to achieve a just settlement in the Middle East, Tass said.

The Palestinian leader also praised the proposals put forward by Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev in a speech two weeks ago, Tass said.

The Kremlin proposals included stage-by-stage Israeli withdrawals from occupied territories and stressed that a final Middle East settlement would have to guarantee the Palestinians' right to create their own state.

During his visit Mr. Arafat, who has not been to Moscow for over a year, will probably sound out Soviet thinking on the way Middle East policy was set out by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance during talks here last week, observers said.

He was also expected to brief Soviet officials on the outcome of last month's Palestine National Council meeting in Cairo, which adopted a programme calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Mr. Arafat arrived last night at the head of a powerful delegation representing all but one of the main Palestinian commando groups.

His visit coincides with the trip to Washington by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, and also comes at a time when Palestinian commandos in southern Lebanon are fighting a fierce battle against Israeli-backed Lebanese rightists.

Last night the Soviet government newspaper Izvestia, in a commentary timed for Mr. Arafat's arrival, re-affirmed Moscow's backing for the Palestinian cause and attacked U.S. President Jimmy Carter's ideas in a Middle East settlement.

In its attack on Mr. Carter, Izvestia concentrated its criticism on his statement last month supporting "defensible" borders for Israel, and on what he had to say about the Palestinians.

The commentary said the idea of defensible borders meant Israel would be able to move them at will into Arab territory.

It described this as "standing the problem on its head."

"Evidently the zealous defenders of human rights feel that besides the 'movable' borders, which they would like to give to the Israeli aggressors, there are also 'moveable homelands' with which they intend to keep the heroic Palestinian people happy," Izvestia declared.



TAYBEH RETAKEN -- Lebanese leftists and Palestinians with their weapons pose before the house of Lebanon's Speaker of Parliament Kamel As'ad, Monday, after capturing the southern Lebanese town of Taybeh from its rightwing defenders. (AP wirephoto).

## Yish Emunim marches in support of another West Bank settlement

U. KARNEM, Occupied West Bank, April 5 (R). — Thousands of ultra-nationalist Israelis marched through the rain-soaked Samarian hills on the occupied West Bank today to show their opposition to any Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab areas.

The marchers, estimated at 100 by organisers and 20,000 by authorities, were answering all by the ultra-religious Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) movement to start a new Israeli settlement in the region.

In the presence of the march which had army protection, a demonstration by youths in nearby Nablus which 13 people were detained in brief clashes with Israeli troops. No injuries were reported by the Israeli authorities.

The Israeli marchers, many of whom were themselves armed, often sang as they marched on a circular 14 kms. route which passed through an Arab village.

Authorities made it clear the demonstration was only symbolic and that the marchers would not be "allowed to establish a settlement today."

Some of the marchers told newsmen their presence was a warning to Israeli authorities not to bow to United States pressure to evacuate the area, occupied during the 1967 Middle East war.

"Samaria is historically and biblically ours. This is Jewish land from which we have been absent for 2,000 years and to which we are coming back," said one of them.



MOSCOW WELCOME -- Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat (right) is welcomed in Moscow, Monday, by Mr. V. Zogladin of the Foreign Department of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union's Central Committee. (AP wirephoto).

## Left says new attack in S. Lebanon repulsed

QANTARA, Lebanon, April 5 (R). — Jubilant leftists and Palestinians said today they had beaten back a fierce rightist counter-attack in what they said was the biggest battle since Arab peace-keeping forces ended fighting in most of Lebanon last November.

The fighting, in Lebanon's far south, involved artillery duels across the nearby Israeli frontier with Israeli units giving supporting fire to the rightists, according to leftist and Palestinian commanders.

The rightwing assault was aimed at recapturing the hill-top town of Taybeh, which the rightists captured last Thursday before being flushed out by Lebanon's leftist-Palestinian alliance in hand-to-hand fighting yesterday.

According to the local commanders, the rightist counter-attack began at 8:00 a.m. when artillery batteries at the Israeli settlement of Misgav Am struck leftist positions across the border.

The Israelis were covering rightist troops and armour swarming towards Taybeh from rightwing strongholds of Marjayoun and Qleia further north, the commanders said.

"We knocked out five of their armoured vehicles and killed the commander of rightwing forces," one officer said.

The Egyptian leader's talks with President Carter moved on to military aid after yesterday discussing hopes for negotiating peace in the Middle East and the future of the Palestinians.

President Sadat confirmed that he had raised the arms issue with Mr. Carter. "I am not in a position to say anything at this time," he said.

Egypt's only American military equipment so far consists of six C-130 Hercules transport aircraft. President Sadat arrived in Washington with a previously announced request for up to 200 F-5 fighters as well as TOW anti-tank missiles.

U.S. officials said President Carter would probably consider the request sympathetically, and try to overcome congressional reluctance on the grounds that military aid to Egypt would not seriously change the balance of power in the Middle East.

The fighter aircraft being sought by President Sadat would replace Soviet MIG-17 and MIG-21 fighters and SU-7 fighter-bombers taken out of service since the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

The Palestinians and their leftwing Lebanese comrades were clearly elated over their success in checking the attacks by the rightists, who had earlier managed to capture a series of positions in what was regarded last year as virtually

because of accidents and a shortage of spare parts.

President Carter told reporters he had formed a firm personal friendship with President Sadat.

The Egyptian leader is the first Arab head of government to visit him since he took office, and the second Middle East leader to confer at the White House following a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last month.

Mr. Carter said he and President Sadat had exchanged opinions about Middle East peace prospects and also about the situation in Africa.

"He has been very helpful to me," he said.

The Egyptian leader holds a press conference tomorrow, the last day of his three-day visit to the United States.

At a state banquet last night, President Sadat made a strong plea for American support for the creation of a Palestinian state.

President Sadat said in a banquet toast that "the Palestinians, who demonstrated moderation and a great sense of responsibility, are entitled to be heard by you and the American people."

"Their leadership has established its credentials to be part of the peace process. A dialogue with them will reassure them and stimulate further moderation."

President Sadat also called for an Israeli withdrawal from all Arab territory occupied since the 1967 Middle East conflict. He said such a pullback would make the end of the state of war between Israel and the Arabs a foregone conclusion.

## New Congolese cabinet formed

BRAZZAVILLE, April 5 (Agencies). — Congo's ruling Military Committee today formed a new 15-member government with Maj. Louis Sylvain Goma remaining as Prime Minister.

The announcement follows the appointment yesterday of Joachim N'gombe-Opango as successor to President Marien Ngouabi who was assassinated on March 18.

Earlier today, Radio Brazzaville announced that Col. Yvonneby-Opango has abrogated the constitution.

The constitution has been in force since June 1973.

The Military Committee of the Congolese Workers Party, the country's only legal political grouping, announced that there were 15 ministers in the new cabinet.

They include former Premier Henri Lopes who has been appointed finance minister and five members of the Military Committee, Maj. Goma, Maj. Denis Sassou-Nguesso who now holds the portfolio for defence, Interior Minister Capt. Xavier Katali, Public Works Minister Maj. Martin Bima and City Planning Minister Maj. Pascal Mbina.

## Castro, Soviets discuss Africa

MOSCOW, April 5 (R). — Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister.

President Podgorny followed in the footsteps of the Cuban leader for most of his two-week African trip, visiting Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique and Somalia.

Both leaders pledged in Africa that their countries would help nationalist guerrillas in their fight against the white minority governments of South Africa and Rhodesia.

Observers said that in addition to Soviet bloc strategy in Southern Africa, a major talking point was likely to be the fighting in Zaire.

Zaire yesterday suspended diplomatic ties with Havana, alleging that Cuban officers led in invasion force from Angola into Zaire's Shaba province, formerly known as Katanga.

Cuba has denied the allegations, while the Soviet leadership has counter-charged that NATO is meddling in the Zaire conflict.

At a banquet today for Dr. Castro, Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev defended Cuba's role in Africa and denied that the Soviet Union was engaged in a power struggle with the United States for black Africa.

"The opponents of Cuba, the opponents of socialism are breeding most absurd concoctions about the aims and intentions of Socialist states," Mr. Brezhnev said.

The Third World, he added, was not a passive arena of competition between Communist countries and the West.

"Sometimes our adversaries turn the question in such a way as to make it seem as though Asia, Africa and Latin America are simply an arena of rivalry between the Socialist and capitalist countries, first of all between the Soviet Union and the United States," he said.

Israelis accused of torture

HAMBURG, April 5 (R). — The West German magazine Stern accused Israeli secret service agents today of torturing two alleged German guerrillas arrested in Nairobi and taken secretly to Israel 14 months ago.

Bonn lodged an official protest to Israel last week about the incident.

Stern, in a background report from Tel Aviv circulated to news agencies today on the eve of publication, alleged that the two were tortured in Nairobi shortly after being captured in January 1976.

## U.S. AGREES TO LEBANON TAKING PART IN GENEVA

BEIRUT, April 5 (R). — The United States has told Lebanon it had no objection to Lebanese participation in the Geneva Middle East peace talks, U.S. Ambassador Richard Parker said today.

Mr. Parker spoke to reporters after calling on Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. Lebanon had sent notes to the big powers asking for participation in the talks.

Mr. Parker said the general situation in Lebanon was discussed. He added, in reply to a question, that this included developments in south Lebanon, where fighting was still going on between rightists and a leftist-Palestinian alliance.

Mr. Butros said the Soviet Union and the U.S. had told Lebanon they had no objection to Lebanon taking part in the Geneva talks but, he said, more than that was needed so that Lebanon could take part, indicating that the consent of other participants was also required.

## Soviet interest in North Africa put into relief by Moscow visit of Tunisian P.M.

MOSCOW, April 5 (R). — Tunisian Prime Minister Hedi Nouira, paying a week's visit to Moscow, today had talks with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin on Middle East affairs and the strengthening of Soviet-Tunisian cooperation.

The official Soviet news agency Tass reported that the talks between the two premiers had been held in a friendly atmosphere. Tass said Tunisian and Soviet policies on the Middle East mainly coincided.

The two countries confirmed their resolve to continue energetic efforts towards an overall Middle East settlement, Tass added.

Western observers saw Premier Nouira's visit as part of a Kremlin drive to strengthen relations with the countries of North Africa, which include Tunisia's neighbours Libya and Algeria.

After Egypt revoked its friendship treaty with the Soviet Union last year, Moscow intensified its activities in the area and has become the principal arms supplier for both Libya and Algeria. Tunisia, however, still relies mainly on France and other Western countries for its weapons.

## 100 CUBAN TROOPS WILL GO TO LIBYA

CAIRO, April 5 (R). — Cuban heavy officials in Cairo today announced an Egyptian newspaper report that Cuban troops would be stationed in Libya.

Cairo paper Al Akhbar said morning that about 100 Cuban troops would be deployed along Libya's frontiers with Egypt and Tunisia.

Akhbar said an agreement on the effect was reached between Egyptian leader Muanmar

## South Yemen denies reports of reconciliation with Oman

ADEN, April 5 (R). — South Yemen today denied reports of an imminent reconciliation with Oman and said Aden's quarrel with its conservative neighbour stemmed from the presence of Iranian and other foreign troops there.

A government spokesman said persistent reports that other Arab states were making progress in efforts to reconcile South Yemen and Oman were "completely unfounded."

The quarrel between Marxist South Yemen and the Sultanate of Oman stems from a guerrilla war waged by leftist forces in the southern Oman Province of Dhofar against the sultan. South Yemen supports the guerrillas and four years ago Iranian troops went to Dhofar to help the sultan.

Observers said a resolution of the quarrel seemed likely last year after Saudi Arabia apparently convinced South Yemen to end its support of the guerrillas.

The government spokesman said today: "The problem lies in the continued Iranian military presence and the existence of foreign military bases there (in Oman). We have explained this to our Arab brothers and pointed out the dangers."

## Owen may propose constitution for Rhodesia during his African tour

LONDON, April 5 (AFP). — British Foreign Secretary David Owen may discuss drawing a constitution for an independent Rhodesia during his coming Southern African tour, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The establishment of such a constitution would not be dependent on the formation of a government for the white-ruled British colony, according to the proposal.

The spokesman stressed however that Dr. Owen, who begins his six-day tour of five Southern African countries on April 10, would not be the bearer of a "cut and dried blue-print."

Commenting on a report in the Financial Times newspaper here that Dr. Owen may suggest to African



NOSE-TO-NOSE -- Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (left) and U.S. President Jimmy Carter face each other during ceremonies Monday in the White House's East Room. (AP wirephoto).

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# India's Desai faces tumultuous testing months ahead

As India moves into a new two-party era without Mrs. Gandhi at its head the months ahead under the austere 81-year-old Prime Minister Morarji Desai are bound to be tumultuous. One of the new problems will be the changed relationship between the centre and the states. New Delhi and the states are now ruled by rival parties. An added complication will be the presidential elections which must be held by August 16.

Just as a strong centre federal set-up is not synonymous with one-person rule certainly will create disquiet psychology if all decisions subject to the pulls and pressures of the five constituent

At the political level the ruling party has confronted innumerable problems. The foremost is the unbridgeable divide in the party between the Congress and the Janata Party. The Congress party dominates in the north and the south.

The ruling party has the task to see that the fractiousness between the two does not become a northern controversy — a danger prospect from the point of view of national unity.

Secondly, New Delhi and states are ruled by rival parties. This is a disturbing factor for cordial centre-state relations. The ruling party leaders and the Sarvodaya leaders like Jayaprakash Narayan, have inspired the victory of Mrs. Gandhi, favour 'hot' elections for the state legislature, perhaps with an eye on the presidential election which must be held by August 16.

If an attempt is made to complete this there is bound to be strain between Delhi and the states. So far as Congress governments enjoy a majority in their legislatures this cannot be done, if attempted this will go against what the ruling party stood when it was in opposition.

Popular hopes have been roused by the new ruling party. It has told the people broad cannot be against liberty. After they are bound to clamour for bread.

The economic situation is from satisfactory — and had been asserted by the position during the battle of the ballots. There cannot be any soft options for economic growth and it will require the tact and imagination to arouse popular enthusiasm hard work, for blood, toil tears for a prosperous happy tomorrow.

Popular participation in economic growth is not difficult. The new regime gives the people confidence that it is willing to end inequality and criminality.

Foreign policy will not go any major shift except the tilt towards the Soviet Union. The ruling party said it wants friendly relations with Moscow and would like to improve them, but Mos seems a little uncertain. A question of abrogation of Indo-Soviet friendship treaty much in the minds of the leaders of the ruling party.

India has entered a phase of its history. For the first time a two-party system has come into being. The Moscow communist party has almost wiped out Marxist communist party. This an independent India possibility for the survival of Communism in India.

India has demonstrated democracy is deep-rooted in the region. The smooth transition is a tribute to its genius and culture. But it is not denied that the months and years are bound to unfold the new path in with traverse.

**NEW DELHI, (Gemini) ..** When India's new government under 81-year-old Prime Minister Morarji Desai accomplishes the promise of dismantling the apparatus of repressive laws and clearing the debris of the emergency it will be faced with the stark realities of economic, social and even political challenges.

The manifestos of the parties which challenged Mrs. Gandhi's Congress at the hustings and are now supporting the new government are somewhat woolly and vague and on some points even contradictory.

Theoretically, its idea of an economic policy based on Mahatma Gandhism has an emotional appeal. Perhaps too much concentration of economic power in the hands of a few in the private sector and also in the realm of the public sector — state capitalism — has a deleterious effect on growth of a backward economy.

Perhaps there is also need for laying greater stress on agriculture and industries in the rural sector and also small and medium industries for promoting employment.

But the problem of bringing a happy balance between economic planning for national growth and decentralization of economic power is ticklish.

Another challenging task before the new government is to bring about greater ideological cohesion within itself and to function as a team with one common outlook.

The process of structuring the ruling party is still going on. The Janata Party which contested the election had four constituents with disparate ideologies. Two — Congress (O) and the Bharatiya Lok Dal — were breakaway Congress parties with a tilt towards the right, the third was the Socia-

list Party wedded to democratic socialism, and the fourth, Jana Sangh, Hindu nationalist party.

The breakaway Congress Party of Jagjivan Ram had a leftist orientation as its election manifesto clearly showed. It attracted the pro-communists in Congress and the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India hailed its formation as a revolt against the growth of an extra-constitutional centre of power — Mrs. Gandhi's son, Sanjay.



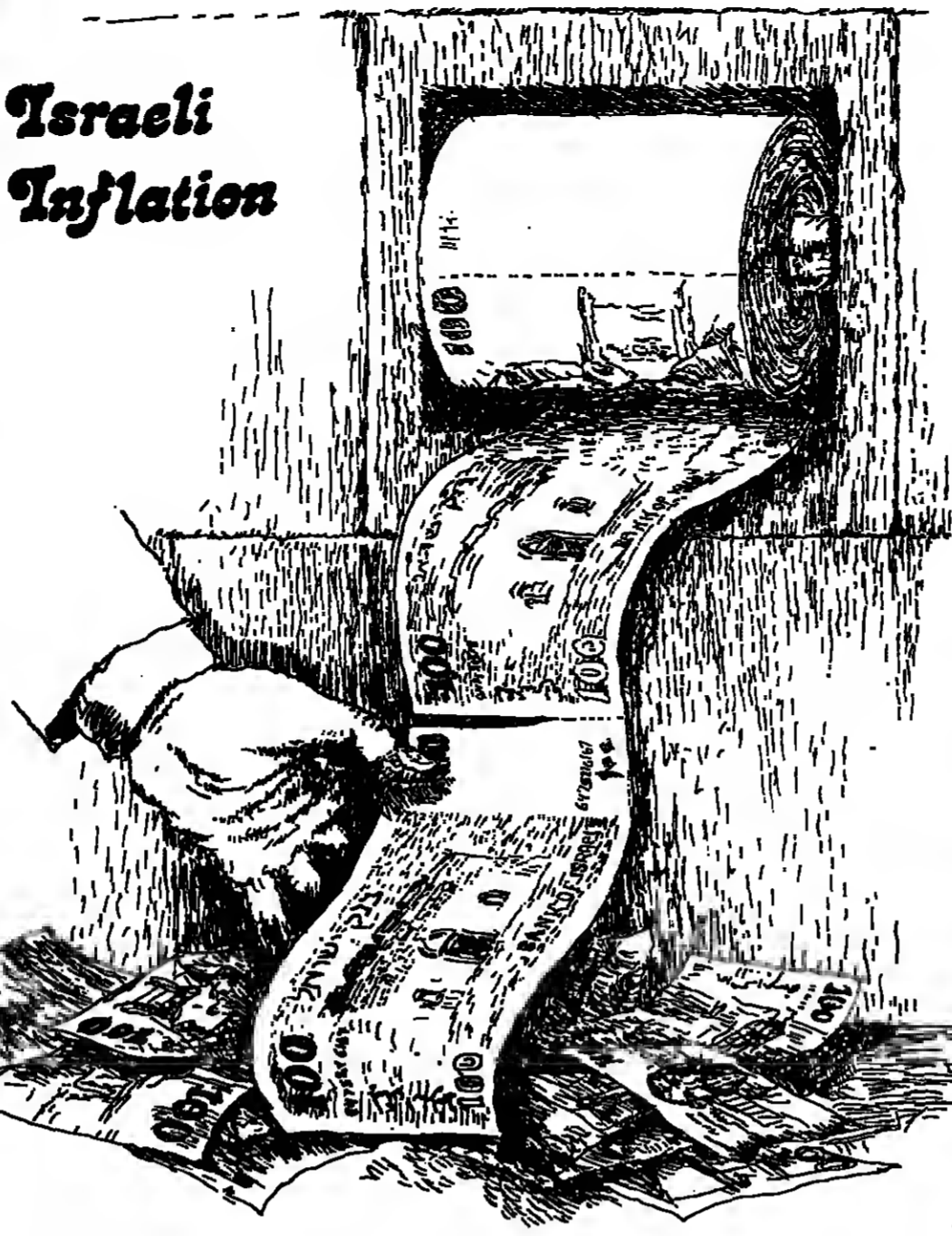
MORARJI DESAI

How the separate identities of the constituent groups which have been nurtured over a long period are erased will determine to a great extent the future of the ruling party.

Even the Congress, when it was functioning democratically, found it difficult to resolve factional pulls and for a party welded together through a painful process this would be a really challenging task.

Mrs. Gandhi as prime minister and leader of the Congress Party, concentrated all powers in her hands and her colleagues abdicated their responsibility by their sycophancy and this brought about her and her party's downfall.

## Israeli Inflation



## Iran tightens its belt in wake of reduced oil income

TEHRAN, (Gemini) — A harsh belt-tightening in the wake of declining oil revenues and three years of profligate spending has put a damper on Iranian purchases abroad, which topped \$13 billion last year.

Official statistics will be forthcoming soon, but Iran's ports, railroads and overland trailer routes are reporting a slump in the volume of cargo.

Iran's income from its crude exports, mainstay of a burgeoning national budget, fell sharply last summer as a result of Iran's dispute with the oil companies' consortium led by British Petroleum and low world demand.

The shockwaves were registered across the board, but the government and the private sector continued to hope for an improvement in the revenue position and delayed the much needed cutbacks.

A 2.4 billion deficit in the annual budget 1976-1977 rose to nearly four billion by the third quarter of the year. Soon afterwards, however, the fear of a year-end oil price rise set off a boom in crude spot markets and Iran's oil exports picked up. Late in December, statisticians announced that the year's deficit would, after all, be wiped out.

Despite relief from the "spot boom", officials agreed that another slump in the oil income was certain after the December meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) ministers in Doha, Qatar.

To prepare the country for that eventuality as much as to correct the mistakes of the past three years, the Shah decreed a "war on wastage of human and material resources" and inefficiency of government departments. An "imperial commission" was vested with powers to review all projects and cut expenditure wherever possible.

All new appointments in government departments were stopped, many unfilled posts were merged into each other to make do with less money. Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoveyda set an example by trimming his own staff. Official mail lists were slashed and the customary cup of tea for the visitor was done away with.

Yet, the price split at Doha caught the government off guard. Suddenly, the "anti-wastage commission" found itself in charge of a monumental job. "It had to apply cuts not only where they were called for, but also where they hurt.

Planning Minister Abdol Majid Majidi deputed a large team to the job of revising the annual plan 1977-78 and the outlines of the sixth five-year plan, both due before the Iranian new year last month. The Shah has told planners he wants an end to "showcase projects" and greater stress on developing the infrastructure.

When in 1974 Iran suddenly liberalised its imports, the country's roads, railroad and ports were ill-suited to handle the glut of goods. As a result, thousands of tons of material were stuck at the Gulf ports,

the western border with Turkey and the northern railroad and highway points on the Soviet border.

Destruction of imported goods was common. As hundreds of vehicles were unloaded at the ill-equipped ports, half a dozen or so invariably got crippled during handling and simply abandoned to rust — repair was out of the question.

Wastage of perishable goods reached scandalous proportions, as did losses by government and private industries which sat on incomplete machinery components and waited for the rest to be unloaded. The wait lasted months.

At times, the importers sought to circumvent the problem by getting their cargo — from massive plants to livestock — air freighted to Tehran. That created another pile at the fledgling Mehrabad airport.

Unbelievable though it may be, the multiple jams at the ports, railroad and highway points and air cargo centres have been broken only this year. And that at the cost of extra millions of dollars, spent on new facilities which could have been set up for less in phases.

A series of port surcharges that bedevilled Iranian importers through the long period are now down to the minimum. Shipping sources say the rates will soon come down further, from 35 per cent at Bandar Shahpou, 15 per cent at Khorramshahr and 15 per cent at Ahad. The last 15 per cent surcharge of ships

headed for Bushehr (Bushire) was suspended in January.

The waiting time of 30 to 35 days at Bandar Shahpou is a far cry from the five months at sea which was obligatory until early 1976.

One unmistakable sign that the boom is over, say the shipping observers, is the gradual disappearance of non-conference ships for whom the losses due to long wait for berths proved to much. On the other hand there isn't simply the same kind of money any more.

## Western intelligence agencies easily decode Japan's secret cables

TOKYO, April 5 (AFP) — Secret Japanese diplomatic cables have been decoded by major Western intelligence agencies for years.

This was disclosed today by the Mainichi Daily News, quoting a former Australian diplomat now living in Tokyo.

Political observers worry that the disclosure, if it is true, will put Japanese diplomacy in a quandary.

Mr. Gregory Clark in his book to be published this week writes that the Japanese government still used old codes despite evidence that the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) has regularly intercepted secret Japanese correspondence between Canberra and Tokyo, the daily said.

According to Mr. Clark, "a Canberra political correspondent for the Australian Financial Review wrote a story in 1976 exposing the way in which the Japanese codes were broken. The writer implied that other Western governments were involved."

He says if Western governments are able to obtain decoded Japanese cables or messages, the Russians can do the same because they have the technology to do so.

Mr. Clark observed that "Western diplomatic officials are particularly careful when they talk to Japanese diplomats even when they talk to them on an informal basis." "I suspect this is because they realise if their remarks are transmitted from one part of the world to another, the comments could be passed

back to their own governments," he said.

Mr. Clark also writes in his book "The Japanese government still continues to use the old codes, even though modern unbreakable codes are readily available."

He said "Western and Soviet officials are presumably still reading with great interest the full contents of Japan's secret diplomatic correspondence." According to the newspaper, the Japanese government doesn't use the "one-time code" method employed by major Western powers in their diplomatic correspondence. One-time codes are programmed by computer, used once and then discarded.

The Japanese use an easily decipherable older code method which is not produced by computers, it added.

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## Preaching & practising

President Sadat of Egypt has done well to bring the question of Palestinian national rights and the hypocrisy of America's selective human rights campaign into the White House ceremonies and the talks he is having with President Carter this week. Mr. Sadat stands today as a symbol of the ravages of conflict in the Middle East. He is at once caught in the superpower rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union, the ongoing conflict between the Arabs and Israel and, perhaps the most difficult battle of all, the struggle of his people to stay one step ahead of economic collapse and one meal ahead of starvation. He is in Washington to seek financial aid, military equipment and a few straight answers from Mr. Carter about what America really intends to do to try and bring peace to the Middle East. He stands as the archetypal local actor in the superpower rivalry who has tried to take advantage of the competing advances of both East and West, and he stands in Washington this week cut off from Soviet arms and asking for American arms. His capital city has witnessed bloody food riots that are as dramatic a testament as we will ever see to the consequences of difficult social and economic inequalities. These are not all problems of Mr. Sadat's own making, but they are his problems nevertheless.

So when he tells Mr. Carter that the Palestinians need a place to express their national aspirations, and when he rightly points out to Mr. Carter that the American human rights campaign is not being directed at the denial of Arab human rights by the Israelis, he is bringing up points that should be of deep concern to those who say they want to help bring peace to the Middle East.

The Carter administration has made it clear that it seeks to set standards of personal and national conduct that are determined by forces greater than just military or economic power. The policy-makers in Washington today talk about being good, being right, being moral and being just.

Mr. Sadat has put on Washington's doorstep some suggestions about morality in the Middle East, justice for all the people in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the human rights of those Palestinians who have not had the access to the ear of the American president whose tongue daily repeats the American commitment to human rights.

Mr. Sadat asks the American leadership to practise what it preaches. The Israelis, meanwhile, are shelling southern Lebanon, trying to kill the Palestinians whose human rights President Sadat brings up with President Carter, whose financial and military assistance in turn allows the Israelis to keep shelling.

President Sadat is telling President Carter that America has to face up to some severe contradictions in its Middle East policy. The Americans should listen to their Arab friends.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

One Jordanian daily commented in its Tuesday editorial on the speech His Majesty King Hussein delivered Monday while he presided over the meetings of the Higher Committee for Occupied Land's Affairs in which he explained to committee members the political situation in the Arab region. A second daily discussed the role of the United States could play and the influence it could have on a Middle East peace settlement.

AL RAI, under the heading "A speech stemming from experience" said that when His Majesty declares that road towards peace has become more difficult and complex, he says so out of experience and first hand knowledge of the problem, as he is one of the Arab leaders who has been intimately involved with the Middle East crisis and its various developments. Based on this fact enunciated by His Majesty we cannot but reach the conclusion that all assertions and suppositions by the international mass media about 1977 being the year of peace are just a storm in a cup which will leave nothing behind. The only fact on which we can base our action, the paper said, is the following: No Israeli leadership is ready to effect a withdrawal from the occupied territories in exchange for peace. And this leadership by nature looks beyond Israeli borders for the handling of the solutions. We should rely on our strength as our only guarantee against further Israeli expansion schemes. However, this strength should stem from Arab solidarity and joint Arab action. Any crack in that edifice will weaken its foundations.

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مركز الصحافة

# Population seminar aims at more comprehensive planning

Most economic planning models, until very recently, had population as an essential datum, something determined outside the system. Population was usually assumed to be at a certain exogenous level without directly linking it to the overall economic growth process. This assumption is generally considered to be naive and impractical. Population, employment and development are interrelated, and policy designs and planning models should take this account.

There are many relevant economic-demographic interactions, some of which are straightforward -- the long-term effect of population growth on labour supply is an obvious example.

Other interactions would be the effect of female fertility on labour force. Declining fertility might increase female labour supply in the short-term but in the long-term it would affect employment wages and indirectly production and prices.

Others include the effects of urban migration on housing consumption and the consequent effects this would have on the structure and level of urbanisation and the impact of social and economic problems associated with it.

Others are examples of relationships in which the direction of causation is from demogra-

**A FOUR-DAY seminar on population, employment and development** sponsored by the National Planning Council and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) started at Al Hussein Youth City Monday. The aim of the participants -- Jordan, Syria, Iraq, the ILO, USAID, the International Development Fund and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) -- is to try and integrate the myriad of demographic factors -- population size and distribution, migration, fertility, mortality -- with the overall development planning process, as ILO representative Dr. Henry Azzam explains in this introduction to the seminar.

phic change to economic change, but the reverse direction is equally important.

For example, increased job opportunities for women may delay marriage and reduce fertility. Mortality is closely related to standard of living, and wage differentials affect migration.

The thesis that we would like to stress in the seminar is that where economic or social changes have demographic repercussions, or where demographic changes have social implications, these wider effects need to be taken into account in policy evaluation. Also, development plans should be designed to allow for these interrelationships.

The Population and Labour Policies Branch of the ILO has pioneered much research work in the field of economic-demographic interrelationships. Some are partial analysis studies dealing with migration, fertility, labour force participation etc. Others are comprehensive planning models, where most of the interrelationships between,

the economic market and the demographic system are presented and qualified.

The model is then used to simulate the performance of the economy as a whole in the intermediate to long-run. It can therefore serve as a "laboratory" to test several policy recommendations that would otherwise have been implemented in real life. By running the model without a given policy change and comparing the results, an estimate of the impact of that policy change on the economy can be obtained.

In practice, planners have a subjective concept of the existing economic-demographic interrelationships. However, a subjective, mental model will usu-

ally be partial, oversimplifying many issues and include many shaky and untested relationships, because its assumptions will not be open to discussion and criticism.

An explicit quantitative model is therefore, needed. We hope that some of the seminar recommendations will point this way.

The population and labour policies branch of the ILO is ready to offer the technical assistance needed for the countries of the region to undertake demographic-economic studies. This may either be done through partial analysis studies, such as migration, fertility, labour-force participation etc. or through constructing comprehensive planning models.

A project proposal to study migration and fertility that would later lead to a comprehensive planning model for Jordan has, in fact, already been submitted to the Jordanian government for its consideration.

We hope that this will be the beginning of greater cooperation between the ILO and Jordan, as well as with Middle East countries, in the field of economic-demographic studies.



Pierre Gemayel lays a wreath at the tomb of the late Queen Alya shortly after his arrival in Amman Tuesday. (JNA photo).

# Science policy to come under discussion in May

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan will preside over a three-day seminar on science and technology policy at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) on May 19.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran, in an official announcement has told the competent departments to prepare initial studies related to scientific research in the various sectors of the kingdom to assess its role in promoting social and economic progress.

Premier Badran also asked the Deputy Director General of the RSS, Dr. Fakhruddin Abdul

Hadi Al Daghistani, and the Deputy Director General of the Jordan Valley Commission to contact the ministries and institutes concerned to help in preparing papers for the seminar.

Dr. Al Daghistani said that a conference chaired by Prince Hassan will be convened next November. The conference will be attended by representatives of Jordan and other countries and discussions will centre around science and technology policy in the light of the results of the May 19 seminar.

# OAS HEAD LEAVES HERE

## CIVIL SERVICE CHANGES MADE

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet approved a number of significant changes in top government posts at its Sunday meeting.

The head of research and studies at the Central Bank, Dr. Jawad Anani, is moved to the Labour Ministry where he becomes Under-Secretary as of April 10.

AMMAN (Agencies). — The Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Mr. Alejandro Orfila of Argentina, left here Tuesday morning after a five-day visit.

He stated that he had discussed the possibility of holding a dialogue between Arab and Latin American countries and the expansion of diplomatic representation in Latin America.

Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi, a professor at the University of Jordan, becomes Director General of the Department of Antiquities on the same date.



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# Badran visits public security department

AMMAN (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran Tuesday paid a visit to the Public Security Department, where he met with Minister of Interior Suleiman Arar and Public Security Director Maj-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat.

He afterwards was briefed by director of training Brig. Kamel Qaqish on the history and development of the Public Security Department and the responsibilities it shoulders.

Mr. Badran was briefed on the department's activities, achievements and the services it provides for citizens. He was also informed about the coordination underway between it and other Arab public security departments and the assistance it provides them, in particular in the field of training.

Accompanied by Mr. Arar and Maj-Gen. Arabiyat, Premier Badran toured the various sections.

# KING HUSSEIN PRESIDES OVER REHABILITATION MEETING

AMMAN (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein presided over a meeting of the Higher Royal Committee for Rehabilitation at King Hussein Medical Centre Monday.

# Arab satellite communications meet to start

AMMAN (JNA). — The Administrative Council of the Arab Space Communications Institute will meet at Riyadh Thursday.

The participants reviewed its achievements since its founding in 1975, the building of Farah Rehabilitation Centre and matters concerning the staff that will run the centre.

Director General of the Telecommunications Corporation Mohammad Shahed Ismail, who will represent Jordan at the conference, said the council will discuss a plan for the construction of a space communications network via a satellite to be owned by the telecommunications corporations of Arab League member-states.

It was decided to form a sub-committee to oversee the training of the staff of Farah Centre and to contact a number of American and Iranian universities, which could also train employees.

The project will serve as an auxiliary to the ground communications network with the aim of linking the Arab countries in a unified network.

Mr. Ismail, who leaves for Riyadh Thursday, is Deputy Chairman of the Administrative Council of the Arab Space Communications Institute.

# Aqaba free zone project discussed

AMMAN (JNA). — The Board of Administration of the Free Zone Corporation Tuesday discussed applications submitted by a number of British, American and Swedish companies interested in leasing lots in the Aqaba free zone for the establishment of assembly industries.

# GEMAYEL MEETS WITH KING HUSSEIN

AMMAN (R). — Mr. Pierre Gemayel, leader of the Lebanese Phalangist Party, conferred with His Majesty King Hussein here Tuesday.

The Jordan News Agency said the two men discussed the situation in Lebanon and the means of restoring peace and stability there and also the chances of achieving peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Gemayel laid a wreath on the tomb of the late Queen Alya immediately upon his arrival.

# Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

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Saudi riyal	93.8	94.0
Lebanese pound	103.3	110.0
Syrian pound	81.5	81.9
Iraqi dinar	943.0	945.0
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Participants attend the opening day of a population seminar at Al Hussein Youth City Monday. (JNA photo).

# ECWA expert tells seminar Female participation in economy grows

AMMAN (JNA). — The seminar on population, employment and development Tuesday resumed its meeting at Al Hussein Youth and discussed the working papers submitted by the participating delegations.

Dr. Nadr Al Atasi of the Economic Committee for Western Europe (ECWA) presented a paper on employment and development in Syria and Jordan, in which he explained that the participation of women in economic activities is growing. He pointed out a 12 per cent increase in the female labour force took place in Jordan due to better education and the difficult living conditions that compel women to seek work.

Dr. Atasi called for more industrial and rural development and the establishment of a number of industries that can employ women.

The International Labour Organisation expert, Dr. Ghazi Farah also presented a working paper in which he spoke about the impact of immigration and its effect on developing nations.

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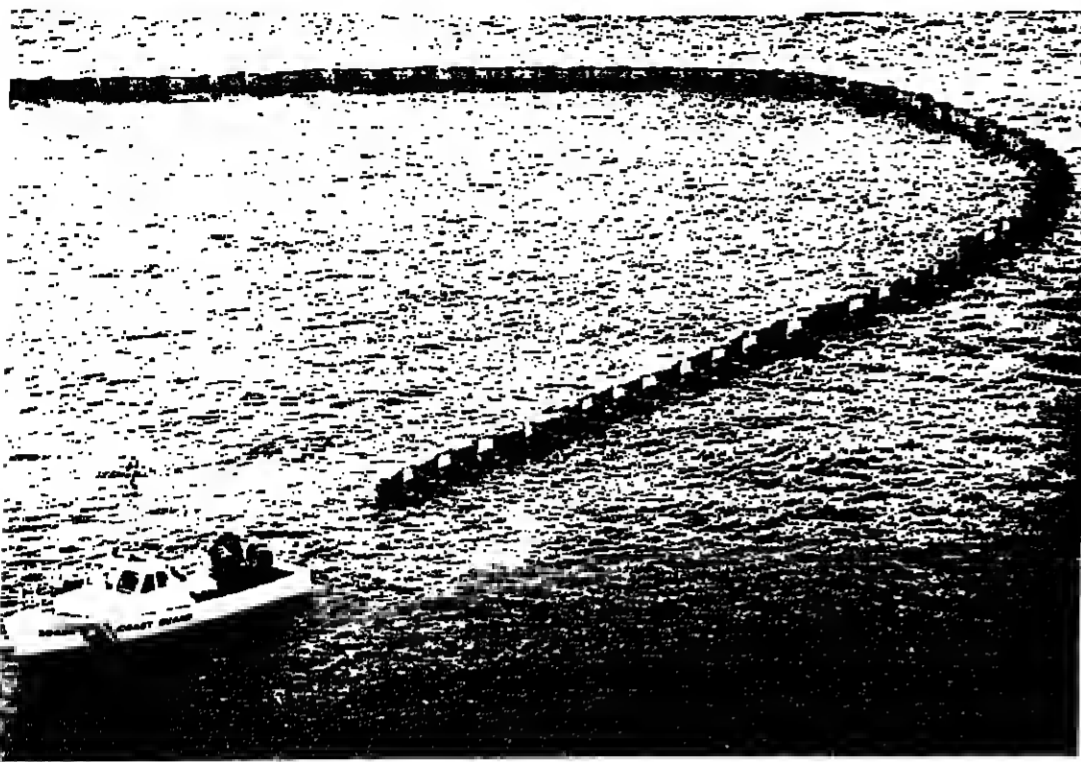
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# U.S. Coast Guard continues quest for oil spill technology



Coast Guard vessel tows floating oil barrier into position.

Photos and Text By R. Norman Matheocy.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND — New procedures and equipment for containing and vacuuming up oil spills from harbours and the high seas are being put into action by the U.S. Coast Guard.

New skimmer equipment was tested recently on waters just off the U.S. Naval Academy here in Annapolis.

The Coast Guard used a cutter, helicopters, a floating barrier (called the High Sea State Oil Containment System), pumping systems and a pootooed high seas oil recovery system to clean up after a simulated spill.

A 126,000-gallon recovery barge, the vessel into which a real spill would have been pumped, was also on the scene for the test.

A small vessel towed the floating containment barrier, a flexible "wall" kept afloat by pontoons, around the "spill." Then the pumps, suspended between two larger pontoons,

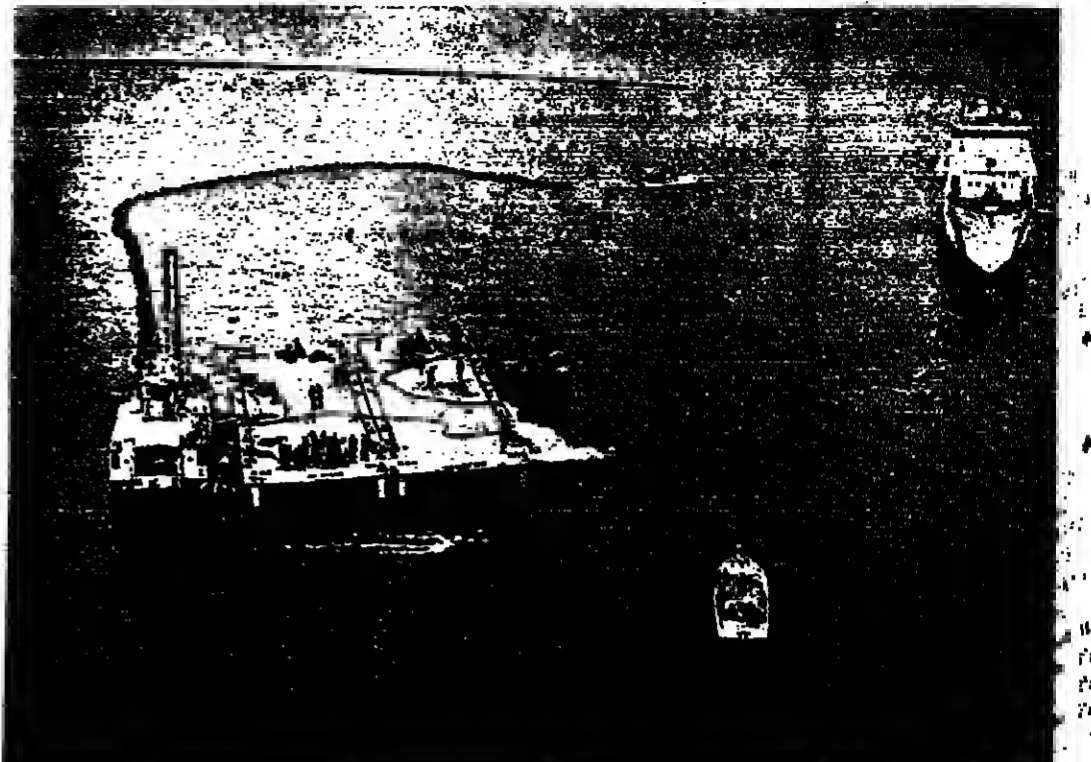
were positioned to lick up the "spill" and stow it safely aboard the recovery barge before it could spread or be washed ashore. Helicopters were used to tote the recovery equipment.

The new method eliminates the sticky problem of what to do with the oil-saturated absorbent materials formerly used to sop up spills, say Coast Guard spokesmen.

Having passed the Annapolis test in mid-December with flying colours, the equipment was airlifted late in the month to New England for use in the attempted recovery of 7.6 million gallons of oil spilled from the Liberian tanker Argo Merchant off Nantucket Island.

Unfortunately, however, even this latest in oil spill clean-up technology was unable to operate in the rough Atlantic seas, which prevented effective cleanup of the Argo Merchant oil.

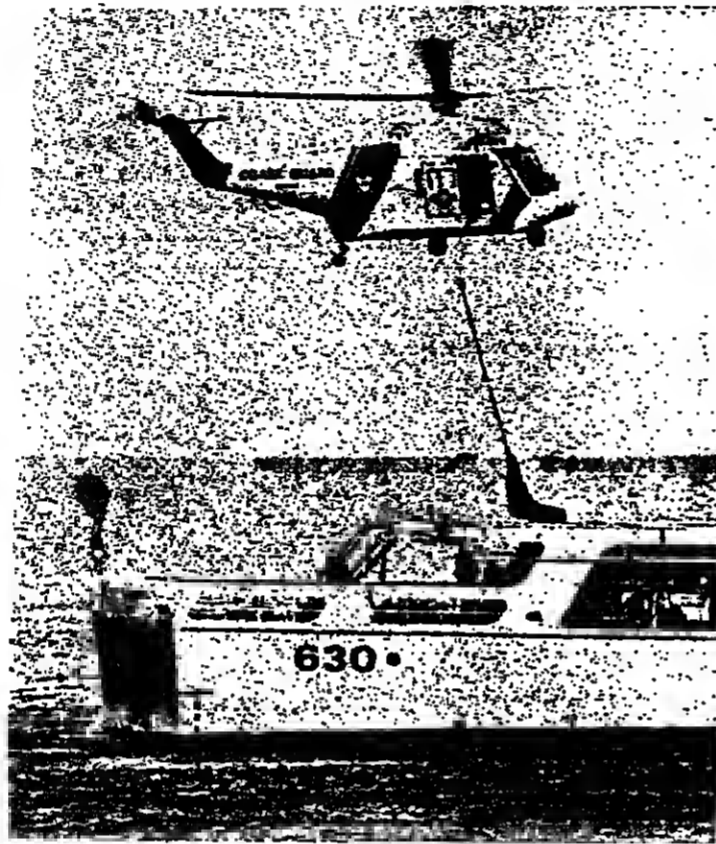
The new equipment can operate in seas up to five feet, in winds up to 20 knots, and in currents up to two knots, explains a Coast Guard official.



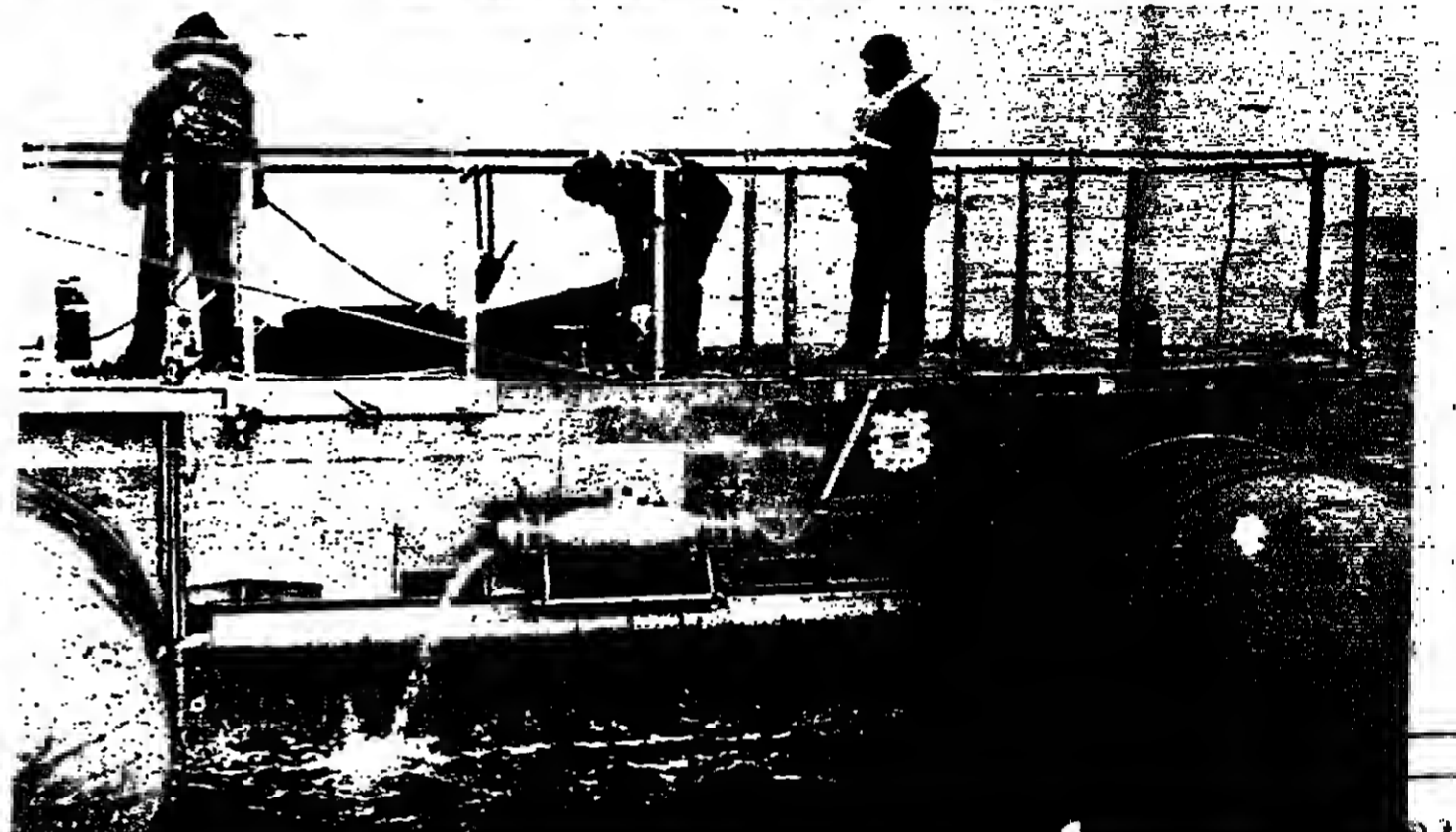
Tugboat (left) has pushed recovery barge next to leaking barge; containment barrier is under way (behind) while Coast Guard cutter (right) oversees man-overboard.



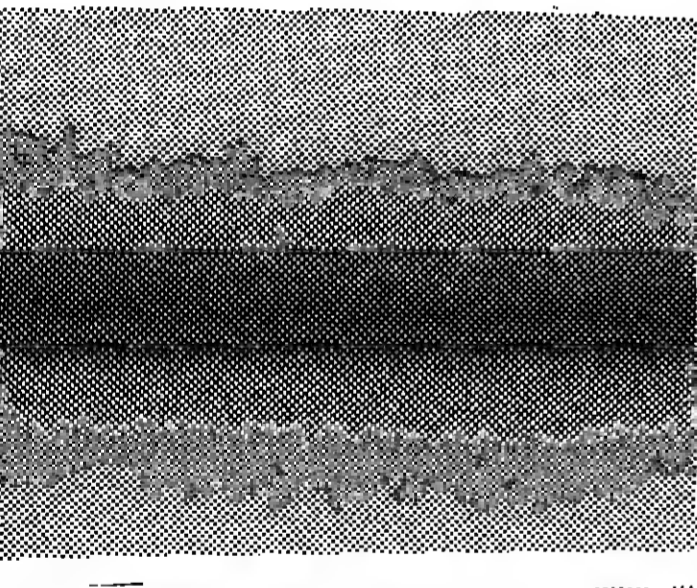
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Helicopter lifts cleanup equipment from Coast Guard cutter.



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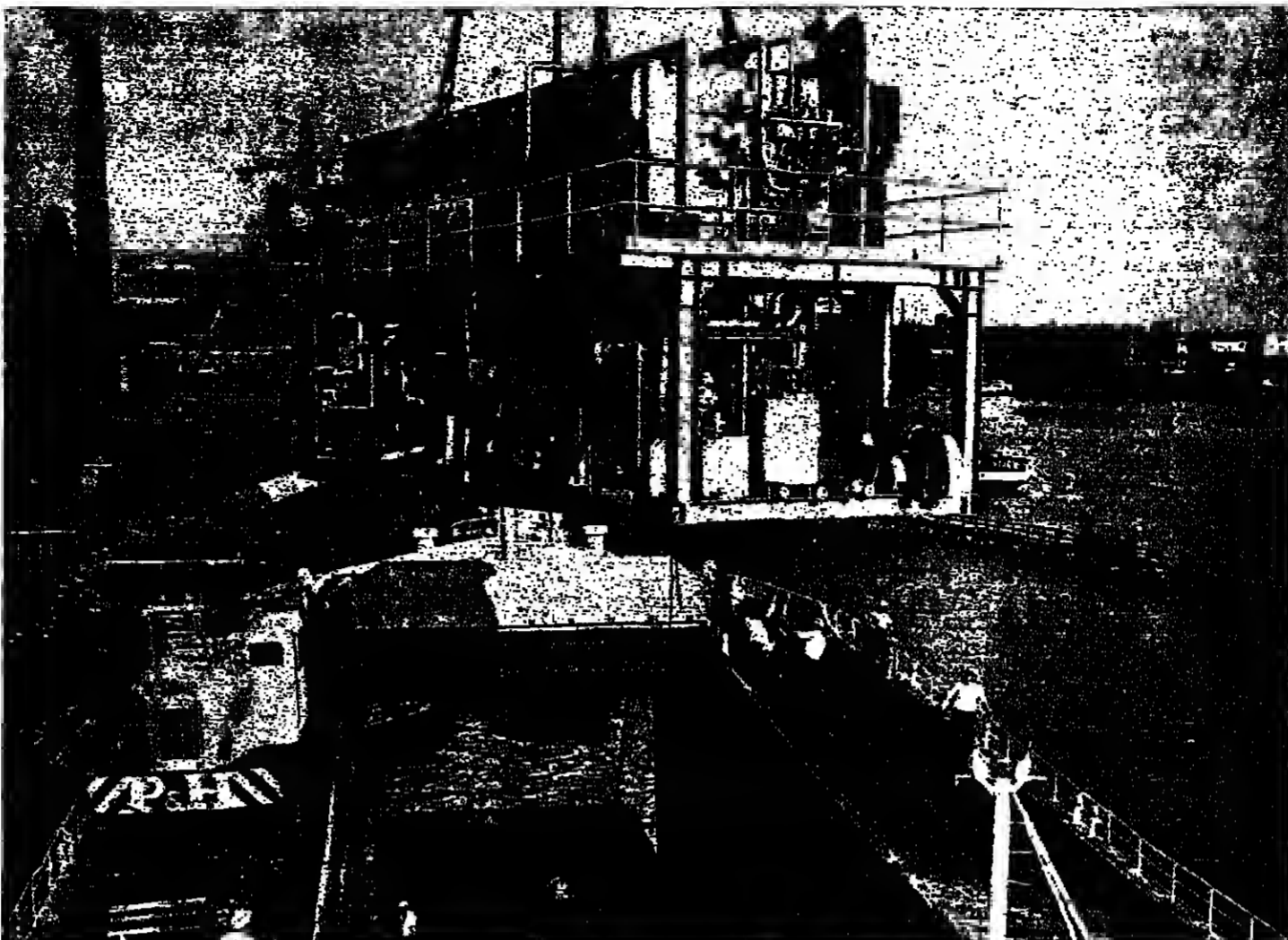
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North-South vulnerable.

**WEST**  
♠ 10 4 3  
♥ 10 8 5  
♦ 10 9  
♣ 9 2

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 5  
♥ A  
♦ K Q J 6 4 3  
♣ 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 2  
♥ K J 9 2  
♦ 8 7 5  
♣ A K 6 5

South West North  
Dble. Pass 2 0  
3 0 Pass 4 0  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of 0.

rated to have the ace of hearts for his opening bid, so declarer expected to lose at most two trumps and a club. Dummy's ace of diamonds won the first trick and a low heart from the table was

won by East's ace. East shifted to the eight of clubs, won by the ace. The king of hearts revealed the bad

news that declarer apparently had two more trump losers in addition to the queen of clubs, which also appeared to be with West.

However, declarer saw a line that guaranteed the contract if West held four spades and at least one more diamond.

Declarer cashed the king-ace of spades and ruffed a spade. A diamond ruff served as the entry to dummy to ruff the last spade. Now, declarer led his re-

maining diamond.

If West discarded on this trick, dummy would ruff and declarer would take the king

of clubs for the fulfilling trick. So West had to ruff. He drew dummy's last trump with the queen of hearts,

but then was forced to concede the last two tricks by leading away from this

queen of clubs into declarer's combined king-jack tenace. Declarer lost only three trump tricks.

The power of a 4-4 fit is demonstrated by this hand. Despite the fact that he seemed to have four losers, declarer used his trumps to best advantage to telescope them into three.

Even though he was short a spade, South felt his hand was too strong not to take a cue-bid over East's opening bid. North valued his hand at 2 points in support of either major, and rather than choose a suit himself he passed the decision to his partner with a cue-bid of the opposite suit. East tried to muddy the waters by rebidding his king diamond suit, but that didn't stop North-South from reaching a good spot.

West led his top diamond, and when dummy came down declarer saw that, with a normal 3-2 heart break, he would have little trouble making his contract. East

## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME.  
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24. Reciprocals of secants  
26. Ceylon palm  
27. Goddess of truth  
29. Particle  
31. Blackbird  
32. Prefix for wrong  
33. Actor's signal  
34. Bengal quince  
35. Shout  
36. Erbium symbol  
37. Devotee  
38. Artery  
39. Echo  
42. Sleep  
43. Greek letter  
44. Pest

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE  
DOWN  
1. Tibble  
2. Inert colorless gas  
3. Imitating  
4. Spanish gentleman  
5. Fish  
6. Civic  
7. Old Siamese coin  
8. Chinese decorum  
9. Pattern  
10. Expression of contempt  
12. Blushing  
13. Apprentice  
18. Villa  
19. Ballet step  
21. Singing syllable  
22. Predetermined  
24. Trippet  
25. Forthwith  
26. Digit  
27. Eisenhower's brother  
28. Obliquely  
29. Bitter  
30. Potato  
32. Heroine of "West Side Story"  
34. Hindrance  
35. Lettuce  
37. Scarcely any  
38. Judean king  
40. 17th Hebrew letter  
41. Guido's lowest note

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# ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

## British Labour government may lose wage restraint case with trade unions

BIRMINGHAM, England, April 5 (AFP) — Danger signs multiplied here this weekend for the government's hopes of winning a third year of wage restraint from trade unions.

About 1,700 trade unionists claiming to represent a cross section of British industry voted yesterday to lobby for a return to free collective bargaining from Aug. 1, when the current phase of the "social contract" runs out.

Delegates from 19 unions from all parts of Britain called for a day of action, including token strikes and a mass canvassing of parliament, on April 10.

The meeting of representatives of a board range of industry was organised by the unofficial, but powerful British Leyland shop stewards combine, which is seeking to galvanize rank and file sentiment against any possible deal on

incomes policy between the official Trades Union Congress (TUC) and the Labor government.

But observers noted that the call for free bargaining no longer reflected only the left's hostility to wage restraint but also that of the population overall.

Yesterday, a poll in the London Sunday Times showed that only 52 per cent of voters supported the government incomes policy, down from 75

per cent a year ago. And trade union moderates such as Mr. Jack Jones, father of the social contract, have been calling for an outright freeze on the prices of basic food stuffs and essential services, a move rejected by the government.

Reluctance to enter into a third phase of the social contract has also been expressed increasingly by the moderate membership of the TUC, which dismissed Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey's tax

concessions in the proposed budget as unsatisfactory for the lowest paid workers.

The unions also have blasted the social contract as the cause of many grievances that triggered two recent conflicts costing the country millions of pounds in lost production.

## U.S. oil imports from Arab nations double

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AFP) — United States oil imports from the Arab nations and Nigeria just about doubled between 1973 and 1976 while those from Venezuela and Canada stagnated or fell markedly, the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) reported.

Last year the country took 2,800,000 barrels a day from the Arab nations compared with 1,400,000 in 1973. The oil obtained from Nigeria was 1,000,000 barrels a day against the earlier 600,000. Canadian supplies dropped to 600,000 barrels a day from 1,300,000 barrels due to curbs by the Canadian authorities. Imports from Venezuela were about the same, around 1,000,000 barrels a day.

## Iraq launches petrochemical complex

BAGHDAD, April 5 (R). — The foundation stone for a petrochemical complex worth 325 million Iraqi dinars (about \$485 million) will be laid on Wednesday, the Iraq News Agency (INA) said here yesterday.

It said the project, to be carried out at the Basrah province in southern Iraq, was part of the ruling Ba'ath Party's policy to consolidate the country's economic and industrial independence.

A contract for the implementation of the project was drawn up with a consortium of international firms last year, to be carried out over 36 months.

INA said the project would produce plastic materials.

## Kissinger warns U.S. against oil producers

WASHINGTON, April 5 (R). — Mr. Henry Kissinger returned to Congress today for the first time since leaving office, and said he was confident no American administration would let foreign oil producers hold U.S. foreign policy hostage.

The former secretary of state, who drew an overflow crowd to hear him testify to a congressional committee on energy conservation, warned that greater U.S. dependence on imported oil could compound problems in case of another oil embargo.

Looking tanned and slimmer than when he left office in January, Mr. Kissinger stressed his belief that foreign oil producers could not affect the U.S. commitment to Israel's security.

He praised the Carter administration's policy of close dialogue with Saudi Arabia, the world's major oil exporter, and said he could offer no dramatic new proposals.

Mr. Kissinger was appearing before the Senate subcommittee on energy conservation in his capacity as chairman of the Board of Advisers of the Alliance to Save Energy, a position he took at President Carter's request. The group is developing a national program to encourage energy conservation.

When one senator questioned a policy view adopted under the former secretary of state, Mr. Kissinger replied jokingly, "as my time removed from office increases, my perversion and infallibility increases."

When the session ended, Democratic Senator J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana mistakenly thanked "Dr. Schlesinger" for appearing, confusing Mr. Kissinger with a longtime rival, former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger.

Mr. Kissinger drew laughs when he told Mr. Johnston: "I'm sure he'll be glad to tell you the difference."

## World Bank to extend \$18 m loan to India

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AFP) — India will be provided an \$18 million loan by the World Bank and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA), for a project designed to increase fisheries production in the Gujarat state.

IDA is extending a credit of \$4 million and the World Bank a loan of \$14 million on "third window" terms.

The \$38 million project comprises particularly harbour improvement works and shore facilities serving the ports of Mangrol and Veraval.

At full development, the project is expected to help increase fisheries production by about 44,600 tons a year (including 3,700 tons of shrimps) valued at \$ 8.3 million.

## EEC banks called upon to invest in Southeast Asia

BRUSSELS, April 5 (AFP) — The "growth potential" of Southeast Asia "is twice as great as in our industrialized countries," Mr. Van Den Brink, President of the European Bank's International Commission (EBIC), stressed here today.

In general, representatives of the European banks would find the political situation there calm, with a large skilled labour force and numerous kinds of raw materials available.

Mr. Van Den Brink was speaking at a press conference before the opening of talks between the EBIC and representatives of the five countries in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore.

The aim of the three-day meeting is to strengthen the links between ASEAN and the European Economic Community (EEC) and to discuss a greater European share in the five nations' industrial development.

Singapore's foreign minister, Sinnathambay Rajaratnam, emphasized the European eco-

nomist's protectionist character. He defended a policy of free trade and a new sharing of world talks. He asked that such products as textiles, electronics and plastics, manufactured at less cost in his region, should be allowed free access to the European market.

Trade between the EEC and the ASEAN countries fell in 1975 compared with 1974, by 6.4 per cent in the case of imports from ASEAN and by 7.4 per cent in exports in 1975, the EEC took 12 per cent of ASEAN exports (Japan 30 per cent and the United States 15 per cent). But EEC exports to those countries represented less than 2 per cent.

The ASEAN nations want to change the balance of their foreign trade and to develop commercial relations with the

EEC to lessen their dependence on Japan.

Mr. Rajaratnam said that, since the conclusion in February 1976 of a cooperation agreement, plus a joint industrial programme and preferential tariffs, the ASEAN nations constituted an economic region. Five joint projects had already been put in hand to produce urea, phosphates, superphosphates and diesel engines.

The foreign minister added that his region of southeast Asia counted on foreign capital to develop this cooperation.

Mr. Rajaratnam is assisted by a team of 20 officials and businessmen from Singapore.

On Thursday he will pay an official visit to the Netherlands, where he has been invited by the Minister of Economic Affairs, Ruud Lubbers.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

PARIS, April 5 (R). — France cut its overall budget deficit by more than half to an estimated 18.5 billion francs (€2.15 billion), the Bank of France said today. The bank said the improvement was largely due to increased revenue from value added tax as a result of a higher level of economic activity.

ABU DHABI, April 5 (R). — A Cypriot firm today won a 165 million dirham (€10 million) contract to build a 430-room luxury hotel at Abu Dhabi. The contract, signed here today with the Joannau Paraskevadis, Company is for a hotel to be built at Maktaa, near the site of a new airport for Abu Dhabi.

TOKYO, April 5 (R). — Shares on the Tokyo stock market today fell to their lowest level this year following a sharp rise in the value of the yen. The Bank of Japan was believed to have bought more than \$100 million in an effort to curb the rise of the yen caused by speculative selling of dollars.

LONDON, April 5 (AFP). — The government yesterday released the text of a bill that will strengthen the powers of the National Prices Board. Under the bill, the board will be able to ban price increases considered as "unjustified" and recommend the "freezing" of prices in certain cases. The new legislation would empower the board to carry out inquiries and call for price freezes for periods of up to one year. Controls would also be maintained on profit margins and dividends.

PARIS, April 5 (R). — Widespread tariff violations and other problems facing world airlines will be discussed at a special air transport conference opening in Montreal on April 13, a senior international civil aviation official said here today. The airlines are losing \$500 million a year through rebates and other "malpractices" and this requires urgent action, said M. Yves-Maurice Lambert, French Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organisation. The conference will also discuss charter aircraft policy, package tours and ways of setting international fares, he told the French Aeronautical Press Association.

AMMAN, April 5 (Agencies). — A joint venture agreement was recently signed with Brown Boveri and Cie (BBC) of Federal Republic of Germany for the progressive manufacture of high voltage circuit breakers and associated equipment marking a significant step towards the establishment of the heavy electrical industry in Pakistan. The project would go into production by middle of 1978.

AMMAN, April 5 (Agencies). — Barely a year from now Pakistan will have its second port about 40 miles south east Karachi, with adequate facilities to cope with congestion at Karachi harbour. Prime Minister Bhutto laid the foundation stone of the port some seven months back in August 1976. It was named Port Qasim after first Muslim conqueror in the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent, Muhammad Bin Qasim who stormed Debal (bunder (port) of Sind, a little further to the sea line. This port will have 12 berths by 1985, with optimum design capacity to handle 1468 million tons of cargo.

BRUSSELS, April 5 (AFP). — World Bank President Robert McNamara hinted today he would seek a further increase in the capital of the bank as one way of making more funds available for development financing. Mr. McNamara made this clear as he had talks here with top officials of the European Economic Community on ways to improve the "operational" cooperation between the World Bank and the EEC, notably within the context of the "north-south dialogue."

## WALL STREET REPORT

Prices staged a small upturn Tuesday on the New York stock exchange, where the industrial average gained nearly one point after a very mixed session.

Analysts said the blue chip sector attracted some scattered buying after Monday's high slide of prices, but they also noted continuing inflation worries among investors.

Declines continued to outnumber advances at the close by a wide margin: 836 against 490.

Aerospace shares were among the hardest hit: General Dynamics lost three points at 54.5. Oils were mixed.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 916.14, a gain of 0.58 points; Transp at 223.17, a loss of 0.29, utilities at 106.98, a loss of 0.22. 18,330,000 shares changed hands, of which 2,890,000 during the last hour.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

Share prices were again depressed on the stock exchange Tuesday following the latest economic indicators implying higher inflation, the downturn on Wall Street -- at its lowest this year -- and general political uncertainty.

Gilt were particularly upset, and although recovering from the worst, still showed losses of up to one point.

Leading industrials showed a similar trend but although there was little real selling, buyers held off. Among the leaders to be affected were ICI, BATs, Fisons, Thorn, Beecham, Unilever, Glaxo and Hawker. Guest Keen eased in front of results with Tube Investments down in sympathy.

At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 3.7 at 402.5, having been down over 7 points during the day.

Shipping were generally lower, despite Ocean Transport's excellent figures on Monday. Banks remained on the downgrade, including Hongkong Shanghai and insurances continued to reflect the Tenerife air disaster.

Fees sent ahead as the auction prices rallied in London, with useful gains marked against Assan Frontier, Jolsal and McLeod Russel. Guthrie also hardened.

Gold was following the bullion price lower, and other mining issues were equally dull.

On the Japanese list, Honda was marked fractionally easier.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$148.88/oz.

## Greek-Cypriots say:

# "Unbridgeable differences" delay progress in Cyprus communal talks in Vienna

VIENNA, April 5 (R). — Greek-Cypriot negotiators said today that "unbridgeable differences" in basic ideas for a bi-zonal federal state are delaying progress in the Cyprus communal talks.

With two days remaining, the current negotiating round has stalled over Greek-Cypriot demands for a strong federal government. The island's Turkish community wants separate regions loosely linked in a step-by-step federal system.

"We have unbridgeable differences in concept, not only in (practical) provisions," Greek-Cypriot envoy Tassos Papadopoulos said.

"Our concept is to establish a federal state. There is to start with no federal state, and that hopefully a federal state may grow in years to come".

Asked if his description of differences as unbridgeable meant there was no hope of agreement, Mr. Papadopoulos told reporters: "If the concepts remain as they are, it will be unbridgeable." The current negotiations have -- the sixth round of Cyprus talks in two years -- entered a fifth day with no sign of movement on key issues.

But Dr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, United Nations Special Representative for Cyprus, said

some progress was being made in clarifying positions.

"The gaps are still there. What is necessary is to keep them working," the Peruvian diplomat said after a two-hour meeting. Dr. Perez de Cuellar replaced U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim yesterday as neutral leader of the negotiations.

Turkish community representative Umit Onan described the meeting as constructive.

He said the Turkish side wanted a federal state to evolve gradually through increased confidence. The United States had evolved in the same way, from a confederation into a federation.

The conceptual difference was between a loose confederation and a full federal state proposed by the Greeks to replace a joint government that collapsed 13 years ago.

The Greek-Cypriot delegation reacted unenthusiastically to a Turkish proposal for the reopening of Nicosia International Airport under joint control for the first time since it was closed by heavy fighting in 1974.

Mr. Christofides said the plan was politically problematical as it would involve two separate airport directors, and

he doubted it would be discussed before the Vienna talks adjourn on Thursday.

The Greek-Cypriot spokesman said there was some dis-

ussion today on freedom movement between the communities. He accused Turks of seeking to impose "severe restrictions."

## Waldheim does not expect Mideast Geneva conference to be held before autumn

PARIS, April 5 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said today he did not expect a new Middle East peace conference to begin in Geneva before the autumn.

"September, October, if we are lucky," he told reporters after talks with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

He said the proposed conference had to be carefully prepared, particularly on two main issues: the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the question of the creation of a Palestinian state.

"We are still far away from an agreement on procedural matters and on substance," he added.

"There is still a lot of discussion as regards the procedure, the question of the participation of the PLO and, on the other hand, on the Palestinian state which is requested by the Palestinians as well by the Arabs and rejected by the Israelis," he said.

Mr. Waldheim, who headed a group of 24 heads of U.N. specialised agencies at the meeting with the French leader, added: "Before going to Geneva it is necessary to prepare the conference well... otherwise it will be a failure and that would counter-productive."

He added: "I don't think a conference can begin before Fall -- September of this year, if we are lucky."

## OAU summit to be held on July 2

ADDIS ABABA, April 5 (R). — The next summit of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) will be held in Libreville, Gabon, from July 2 to 5, OAU sources said today.

They said a meeting of the ministerial council, usually attended by foreign ministers from the 48 member states, will be held from June 23 to 30.

The summit is expected to welcome the organisation's 49th member after the French territory of the Aïars and Issas (Djibouti) becomes independent on June 27.

Last year, when the summit was held in Mauritius, it was also able to welcome a new member, the Seychelles, but the meeting was only attended by a handful of heads of state.

## SWEDISH POLICE HIT H.Q. OF URBAN GUERRILLA GROUP IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, April 5 (R). — Swedish security police said today they had found explosives, forged passports and books on sabotage techniques in a suburban Stockholm flat rented by extradited West German Norbert Kroecher.

Herr Kroecher is alleged to have led a plot to kidnap a former Swedish government minister. Mrs. Anna-Greta Leijon, who was responsible for the deportation to West Germany of members of the Baader-Meinbof urban guerrilla group.

Police said they believed that Herr Kroecher's flat, which they discovered yesterday, was the headquarters for the planned guerrilla action.

It contained seven kgs of dynamite, manuals on guerrilla

fighting, and equipment for tapping telecommunications messages, police said.

They added that they also found passport-forging equipment, 30 false Swedish, West German and French passports in various stages of production, a stolen police uniform and false car licences.

Herr Kroecher and about 30 other people were detained in police raids last week in connection with the alleged plot. Of these, eight Swedes and six foreigners remain in custody.

Police said today that four more Swedes were arrested yesterday as part of the same case.

Herr Kroecher and another West German were extradited to West Germany on Sunday and were arrested there.

In a separate raid yesterday police searched the headquarters of the Stockholm refugee council, Mr. Alan Hunter, a year-old Briton arrested last week's operation, work at the council as a volunteer.

Government sources said a decision was likely today whether Mr. Hunter and the Latin Americans also detain would be reported.

The Latin Americans are Mexican, Armando Gonzalez Carillo, his Chilean wife and another Mexican, Thom Okufono Martinez.

## ELF warns Soviet Union against Cuban troops involvement in Eritrea

DAMASCUS, April 5 (R). — The Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) has warned the Soviet Union in private diplomatic contacts against the involvement of Cuban troops in Ethiopia's efforts to put down the front's struggle to secede, well-placed Eritrean sources said here today.

They said the Soviet response had been that Moscow did not take sides in the question and that if the Eritrean cause was just it would be victorious.

The U.S. was responsible for the fate of Eritrea, the sources added, because it had been the author of a 1950 United Nations resolution placing the former Italian colony under Ethiopian administration.

Reflecting anxiety within the ELF at the presence of Cuban military advisers in Ethiopia, the sources said the Soviet Union was told the situation

was different from Angola, where Cuban troops helped the Soviet-backed faction win power last year.

Eritrea is a key factor in the Red Sea region which has become a focus of international political rivalries and a potential trouble spot.

The sources said the leader of the Cuban troops is believed to have spent some time in Asmara, the Eritrean capital controlled by the Addis Ababa government.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro visited the Ethiopian capital last month, prompting renewed speculation about the role in the horn of Africa of Moscow's Caribbean ally.

The sources said that during the diplomatic contacts the Soviet Union was warned Cuban involvement on Ethiopia's side in the war with ELF would have serious consequences.

## U.S. Congressman: FBI asked witness to hide truth of Kennedy murder

WASHINGTON, April 5 (R). — A senior Congressman said today he believed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had told witnesses testifying before the Warren Commission which investigated President Kennedy's assassination in 1963 not to tell the full truth about the murder.

House of Representatives Speaker Thomas O'Neill was asked at a press conference about the value of a new probe by a house committee into the murder of President Kennedy and black civil rights leader Martin Luther King.

"From personal conversations with witnesses who appeared before the Warren Commission, I don't think they gave (the commission) a full and honest description," Mr. O'Neill said.

"I believe that they were reporting the will of the FBI."

The Warren Commission concluded that Mr. Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing President Kennedy, saying

there was no conspiracy.

Mr. O'Neill did not say what witnesses he had talked to.

He said the House of Representatives probe had new information which justified the inquiry into the deaths of M. Kennedy and Dr. King, who died nine years ago today.

The house assassinations committee said last week the new leads it was pursuing in the Kennedy murder pointed to a conspiracy involving Cubans, Texas oil millionaire, the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

This followed evidence given by a Dutch journalist, Wille Oltmans, who said that a Russian-born teacher, George Mohrenschildt, had told him that he and Mr. Oswald had plotted President Kennedy's murder.

Dr. Mohrenschildt was four shot dead in an apparent suicide last week soon after I was told the assassinations committee wanted to question him.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, April 5 (R). — Israeli troops opened fire five times into Lebanon during March, mostly with automatic weapons, and crossed the armistice demarcation line once, United Nations observers said today. The U.N. Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO) said in its monthly report that 11 overflights by Israeli jets were reported during March, while Israeli forces personnel continued to occupy positions on the Lebanese side of the line, near six border pillars.

ISLAMABAD, April 5 (R). — Pakistan and Czechoslovakia yesterday supported an early resumption of the Geneva Middle East peace conference with the participation of all parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisation. They said this in a joint communique issued at the end of a four day visit to Pakistan by Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Cimoupek. The communique added that peace in the Middle East could be achieved only by total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and restoration of full national rights to the Palestinian people.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 5 (R). — Israel has expressed its objections to the Egyptian request for arms from the United States, a government official said here last night. The Israeli official said his government objected to the possible deal in discussions with the Americans both in Israel and in Washington.

BAGHDAD, April 5 (R). — About 40,000 Kurds from northern Iraq who have been temporarily resettled in central and southern Iraq can now return to their mountain homeland, Iraqi officials said today. Their temporary resettlement in the south and centre of Iraq last year was part of an agreement made by an official Iraqi delegation and Kurdish leaders in Tehran. They were allowed to return then on condition they resettled outside their homeland.

KUWAIT, April 5 (R). — Egypt's Deputy Premier for Financial and Economic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Monem El-Katssoumi, arrived here today on the last leg of tour of Gulf states. Dr. Katssoumi had already visited Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, three states which with Kuwait form the Gulf Arab League for Egyptian Development.



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